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Preventing Pesticide Problems

(Phoenix, AZ)- Using pesticides incorrectly can cause poisoning and other hazards to humans, pets and the environment and overuse of pesticides or crop dusting near communities or buildings, especially on a windy day, can cause health problems. However, many agriculture employees do not understand how to properly handle these chemicals. Therefore, the Arizona Department of Agriculture will be sponsoring a seminar in both Spanish and English to try and prevent these problems by educating those that will train workers who directly interact with these chemicals.

What: Two short courses will be provided to health and safety educators. These courses will provide educators with information, resources, and training tips to help them train tribal community members, growers and agricultural employees on pesticide health and safety.

When: June 8, 2005 (Spanish)
June 9, 2005 (English)

Where: One City Plaza
Yuma, AZ 85365

Why and Visuals:

- Analyze exposure cases
- Prevent pesticide exposure to people and environment
- Review labels for health and safety information
- Respond to and report pesticide exposure
- Share pesticide information found on any media, including the internet
- Develop community action plans to respond to pesticide exposure incidents

Who:

All Health Care Providers, Tribal Community Health Care Professionals, Agricultural Professionals, and Regulatory Agency Staff are encouraged to attend. Seating will be limited and you should register for these workshops as soon as possible. Registration is **free** and forms can be obtained from:

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Program attendees get hands-on training with mock pesticides and reading labels.

